

Docket No. 242579US0CONT



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shigeru KAWAHARA, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/687,709

ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

FILING DATE: October 20, 2003

FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING N-FORMYLAMINO ACID AND USE THEREOF

**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated JANUARY 20, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Stephen G. Baxter

Registration No. 32,884

Customer Number

**22850**

Tel. (703) 413-3000  
Fax. (703) 413-2220  
(OSMMN 05/03)

Vincent K. Shier, Ph.D.

Registration No. 50,552